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Group Art Unit: 2745

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For: TERMINAL BLOCKS AND METHODS FOR MAKING AND BREAKING
CONNECTIONS IN A TELECOMMUNICATION CONDUCTOR

July 10, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The marked-up version of the changes is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes".

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 50 without prejudice.

Please replace Claims 51 and 59 with the following:

51. (Amended) A telecommunications terminal block for making and breaking connections between a first telecommunications conductor, a second telecommunications conductor and a service wire, said terminal block comprising:

a housing having a first connector connected to the first telecommunications conductor and a second connector connected to the second telecommunications conductor mounted therein;

a first conductor in the housing, the first conductor being electrically connected to the first connector and having a service wire connector portion configured to receive the service wire;

a switch electrically connecting the first connector and the second connector, the switch having a first state wherein the first connector is electrically connected to the second connector and a second state wherein the first connector is electrically disconnected from the second connector, the switch comprising:

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☐ Applicant chooses (total) entity status. See 37 CFR §1.27.
☐ No additional fee is required.
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR §1.27.☐ No additional fee is required.☐ Other:

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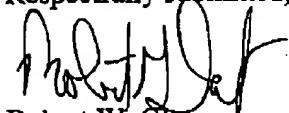
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